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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PUDDINGSTONE DIVERSION DAM GATE MODIFICATION DESIGN  
AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a consultant services agreement with URS, 2020 East First Street, Suite 400, Santa Ana, California 92705, to redesign the damaged sluice gates at Puddingstone Diversion Dam for a not to exceed fee of \$80,919 to be financed by the Fiscal Year 2001-02 Flood Control District Fund and establish the effective date following your Board's approval.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

We are recommending that your Board award and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a consultant services agreement with URS to redesign the damaged sluice gates at Puddingstone Diversion Dam and establish the effective date following your Board's approval.

Three of the four sluice gates at Puddingstone Diversion Dam were damaged during an operation test of the newly installed back-up generator. Since the original gate manufacturer is undergoing bankruptcy proceedings, replacement components are not readily available. In order to restore full operational capabilities to the dam for the next storm season, modifications to the gate structure design are required.

Contracting with URS for design services to modify the structures will preclude the need to refabricate the original frame assemblies. URS will also provide construction support services and certify the as-built gates meet the design requirements.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action meets the County Strategic Goal of Organizational Effectiveness as these engineering services are not required frequently and URS has the necessary expertise, qualifications, and experience to perform the gate modification design. As a result, URS can provide these services in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. Financing for the agreement is available from the Fiscal Year 2001-02 Flood Control District Fund.

The recommended agreement for this project is for a not to exceed fee of \$80,919, which we have determined to be fair and reasonable. The total cost of the work includes \$73,563 for the design and construction administration services efforts and \$7,356 for necessary unforeseen additional work. Additional work within this allowance will not be performed without written authorization from the Director of Public Works.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

A standard consultant services agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring of qualified displaced County employees will be included.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, URS is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program participants for future employment.

URS has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program).

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the consultant services agreement stating that the consultant shall notify its employees and shall require each subconsultant to notify its employees that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as specified in Section 15252 of the State's CEQA Guidelines. Any project that may be proposed as a result of these services will undergo the appropriate environmental review.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On April 25, 2002, 12 firms were sent Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the project. As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, and to further increase consultant awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, this contract opportunity was listed on the County's Office of Small Business website. A mandatory preproposal meeting was conducted on May 2, 2002, at the project site to answer questions concerning the project.

On May 16, 2002, two firms submitted proposals for review and evaluation. These proposals were first reviewed to ensure they met the mandatory requirements outlined in the RFP. Having met those requirements, an evaluation committee consisting of four members from Public Works evaluated the proposals. The firms were evaluated based on criteria outlined in the RFP, which included the proposers' technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. These evaluations were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. Based on the review and evaluation of the proposals, Public Works found URS to be the firm best qualified to perform the recommended services.

Participation of Community Business Enterprises (CBE) in the project is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program. Consultants are required to demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. URS' CBE participation data and three-year contracting history are on file with Public Works.

Public Works has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to the recommended agreement as this agreement is for non-Proposition A services.

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**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended consultant services.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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